

SIXTEENTH

Annual Report of the Auditor

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN

NEBRASKA



FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
AUGUST 31, 1919



Lincoln, Nebr., Febr. 10, 1920.

To the Honorable City Council,  
City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I am presenting herewith the Sixteenth Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Lincoln, being for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1919.

The financial report covers the fiscal year, as nearly as possible, while the reports of the operations of the different departments cover the calendar year.

As has been the custom for the past few years, the Water and Light departments, are publishing a separate report and therefore no mention is made in this report of their activities during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG,  
City Clerk and Auditor.



# PART ONE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

January 1, 1920.

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, now is and since May 13, 1913, has been operating under the Commission Form of government. Under this form of government, the city is divided into five departments, and five councilmen are elected. The five councilmen constitute the city council. The council organizes by electing one of its members as president of the council, who is also Mayor of the city. Each councilman is assigned to one of the departments, is called a superintendent thereof, and is responsible for its proper operation.

All other city officials, except Police Judge, are appointed by the council. The office of Police Judge is fixed by the constitution of the state, and this officer is elected at county and state elections.

City elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The terms of office of councilmen are two years, beginning the first Monday following the election.

The departments of the City of Lincoln are assigned as follows:

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOHN E. MILLER, Mayor.....Superintendent

#### City Attorney's Office

C. PETRUS PETERSON, Attorney  
CHARLES R. WILKE, Deputy

2300<sup>00</sup>  
3000<sup>00</sup>

#### Police Department

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief of Police

3000<sup>00</sup>

#### Park Department

P. EDINBOROUGH, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

2500<sup>00</sup>



**FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN**

City originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.

Incorporated as a city of the Second Class on March 18, 1871.

Incorporated as a city of the First Class on March 25, 1887.

Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.

Area: 7,944.3 acres (12.41 square miles).

Paved streets and alleys: 96.31 miles.

Parks: 333 acres.

Sanitary sewers: 101.84 miles.

Storm and combined sewers: 22.98 miles.

Water mains: 111 miles.

Street railways: 39 miles.

Public school buildings: 19.

Churches and denominational schools: 60.

Floating debt: None.

**Points of Interest**

State University Farm

State Fair Grounds

State Capitol

State Penitentiary

State Hospital for Insane

Wyuka Cemetery

Capital Beach

Epworth Lake Park

Home of William J. Bryan

Caves south of City

State University Campus and

Athletic Field



**POLICE DEPARTMENT****Officers in Service**

Chief of Police.....	1
Captains .....	2
Sergeants .....	1
Patrolmen .....	12
Patrol drivers .....	2
Matrons .....	2
Motorcycle officer .....	1
Plainclothesmen .....	1
Stenographer .....	1
Cook and janitress.....	1
Total .....	25

**Number of Arrests Made During Year By Months**

January .....	143
February .....	163
March .....	198
April .....	202
May .....	169
June .....	189
July .....	249
August .....	361
September .....	355
October .....	256
November .....	204
December .....	118

Total .....2,607

Males .....	2,401
Females .....	206

2,607

Number of white people.....	2,401
Number of colored people.....	206

2,607

Males—can read and write.....	2,376
Males—cannot read and write.....	25

2,401



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Females—can read and write.....	194	
Females—cannot read and write.....	12	
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		2,607
Social conditions:		
Married males .....	799	
Single males .....	1,602	
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Married females .....	88	
Single females .....	118	
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		2,607

## Meals Furnished

January .....	648
February .....	402
March .....	341
April .....	453
May .....	362
June .....	393
July .....	411
August .....	430
September .....	762
October .....	592
November .....	375
December .....	344
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Total .....	5,513

## Causes of Arrest

Allowing minors to play pool.....	1
Assault .....	13
Bastardy .....	1
Begging .....	4
Breaking and entering.....	9
Breaking probation .....	1
Burglary .....	19
Carrying concealed weapons.....	1
Chickens running at large.....	1
Chicken stealing.....	7
Contempt of court.....	1
Cruelty to animals.....	2



Defrauding innkeeper .....	1
Delinquency .....	1
Destroying property.....	6
Disorderly conduct.....	62
Disturbing the peace.....	88
Discharging firearms in street.....	2
Drunkenness .....	265
Embezzlement .....	1
Escaping from insane hospital.....	4
Escaping from penitentiary.....	1
Escaped U. S. prisoners.....	2
False pretense.....	2
Fighting .....	22
Forgery .....	22
Fortune telling.....	2
Gambling .....	107
Held for investigation.....	12
Held as witness.....	1
Horse stealing.....	1
Horse running at large.....	1
Indecent exposure of person.....	8
Insanity .....	8
Keeping a disorderly house.....	2
Larceny—grand .....	21
Larceny—petit .....	85
Larceny from person.....	1
Manslaughter .....	1
Murder .....	1
Non-support .....	1
No fund checks.....	4
Obstructing sidewalk .....	2
Peace warrant.....	1
Pickpocket .....	6
Prostitution .....	3
Rape .....	3
Receiving stolen property.....	1
Reckless driving.....	3
Robbery .....	4
Running away from home.....	24
Safe keeping .....	10
Seduction .....	1
Sick .....	1
Stealing bicycle.....	2
Selling mortgaged property.....	2
Soliciting .....	2
Speeding .....	457
Suspicious persons .....	253



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Truancy .....	3
Vagrancy .....	129
Venereal diseases .....	16
Violating auto-muffler ordinance .....	79
Violating building ordinance.....	9
Violating cigarette law .....	18
Violating fire ordinance.....	33
Violating health ordinance .....	14
Violating liquor law.....	55
Violating peddling ordinance .....	3
Violating sidewalk ordinance .....	62
Violating Sunday closing law .....	10
Violating traffic ordinance.....	590
Violating weights and measures ordinance .....	7
Wife abandonment.....	1
Wife beating.....	2
White slavery .....	6
Total .....	2,607

## STREET DEPARTMENT

The following report shows the amount of cleaning done by the Street Department during the year:

## Machine Cleaning

64,000 yards cleaned per day.	
Sweeping and piling, per thousand yards.....\$	0.60
Hauling refuse, per thousand yards.....	.20
Total cost of cleaning, per thousand yards.....	.80
8 men employed per day at \$3.20.....	25.60
4 teams employed per day at \$6.25.....	25.00
32 yards of refuse moved per day.	
3,960 yards refuse removed per year.	
11,520,000 yards cleaned per year.	
Total cost per year.....	9,108.00
20 days required to clean the machine district.	
1,488,000 yards to be cleaned.	



**POLICE****Receipts**

Balance, Sept. 1, 1918.....		\$ 15,328.09
Tax collections .....	\$ 31,336.80	
Court costs .....	3,788.19	
Dog tags, tax and pound fees.....	745.25	
Auctioneer .....	5.00	
Dogs sold .....	48.00	
Car tickets sold.....	15.00	
Witness fees .....	14.50	
Refund expense getting striker..	2.00	
Pulling in car.....	3.75	
Refunds .....	.49	
Pants for officers.....	170.00	
Damage by fire.....	5.00	
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Total receipts .....	\$ 36,133.98	\$ 36,133.98
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Total credits .....		\$ 51,462.07 \$ 51,462.07

**Disbursements**

Salary .....	\$ 26,553.84	
Feeding .....	517.30	
Oil and gas.....	709.28	
Auto expense .....	767.49	
Telephone .....	1,830.13	
Signal system .....	48.75	
Expense catching dogs.....	27.40	
Maintenance .....	1,698.74	
Parking space signs.....	184.65	
Uniforms .....	896.75	
Purchase car No. 53.....	1,787.50	
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Warrants issued.....	\$ 35,021.83	
Warrant debt, Sept. 1, 1918	2,704.61	
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	\$ 37,726.44	\$ 37,726.44
Warrants paid .....		34,679.52
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Warrant debt, Sept. 1, 1919		\$ 3,046.92
Total cash charges.....		\$ 34,679.52
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Cash balance, Sept. 1, 1919		\$ 16,782.55
Warrant debt, Sept. 1, 1919		3,046.92
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Fund balance, Sept. 1, 1919		\$ 13,735.63



TABLE NO. 3—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT—September 1, 1918, to September 1, 1919

ACCOUNTS	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1918	Tax Collec- tions	Other Incomes	Credit Transfers	Total Credits	Vouchers Paid	Debit Transfers	Warrants Issued	Total Charges	Over Drafts	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1919
Back tax.....	\$ 18.69	\$ 44.36			\$ 63.05		\$ 11.86		\$ 11.86		\$ 51.19
City property.....	3,659.42	9,698.91	3.17		13,361.50			9,714.81	9,714.81		3,646.69
Parks.....	13,250.47	67,443.85	6,847.88		87,542.20			70,410.71	70,410.71		17,131.49
Fire.....	13,367.15	100,166.88	774.16		114,308.19			96,259.57	96,259.57		18,048.62
General and salary.....	24,023.25	93,111.85	13,226.54	\$ 2,887.71	133,249.35		12,387.81	86,524.66	98,912.47		34,336.88
Interest and coupon.....	15,764.55	32,764.79		3,825.00	52,354.34	\$ 30,266.61			30,266.61		22,087.73
Judgment.....	12,907.47	1,443.01	7.20		14,357.68		2,000.00	2,325.58	4,325.58		10,032.10
Lighting.....	39,980.96	36,722.77	42,295.47		118,999.20			76,250.36	76,250.36		42,748.84
Library.....	3,298.46	17,168.10	200.63		20,667.19			12,510.30	12,510.30		8,156.89
Library book.....	1,036.12		2,358.61		3,394.73			2,944.26	2,944.26		450.47
Paving repair.....	8,244.29	13,852.62	2,271.53	18.00	24,386.44			14,452.29	14,452.29		9,934.15
Paving refund sinking.....	44.75				44.75		44.75		44.75		
Police.....	12,623.48	31,336.80	4,797.18		48,757.46			35,021.83	35,021.83		13,735.63
Road.....	25,698.39	16,896.21	13,605.60		56,200.20	168.00		49,517.10	49,685.10		6,515.10
Sewer.....	2,822.29	14,648.61	836.70	5,000.00	23,307.60		18.00	18,114.95	18,132.95		5,174.65
Sewer extension.....								1,428.12	1,428.12	\$1,428.12	
Storm sewer.....	9.77				9.77		9.77		9.77		
Sinking.....	1,727.87	95,026.82	14,035.91	7,105.18	117,895.78	97,200.00			97,200.00		20,695.78
Sidewalk certificate.....	801.80	95	65		803.40						803.40
Water.....	61,650.44	46.78	188,413.84		250,111.06		3,825.00	126,459.69	130,284.69		119,826.37
Rebate seven funds.....	661.43				661.43						661.43
Engineer's office expense.....	309.89	851.67			1,161.56			493.26	493.26		668.30
Paving adjacent to city property.....	7,887.22	2,855.60			10,742.82			8,056.88	8,056.88		2,685.94
Sewer district sinking.....	590.72	625.53	374.67		1,590.92		598.13		598.13		992.79
Lincoln monument.....	2.90				2.90		2.90		2.90		
Totals.....	\$250,381.78	\$534,706.11	\$290,049.74	\$ 18,835.89	\$1,093,973.52	\$127,634.61	\$ 18,898.22	\$610,484.37	\$757,017.20	\$1,428.12	\$338,384.44



